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Application Number: 09/527,440	Art Unit 1631
Filed: March 17, 2000	Examiner Clow, Lori A
For: PRIMER DESIGN SYSTEM))
Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0003))

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COVER LETTER

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's phone call on January 8, 2004 and the office action dated January 29, 2004, in the above identified application, the period for response is set to expire on April 29, 2004. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: